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1. Three hundred members of the Accion Chilena Anticomunista (ACHA) belonging to an inner group known as "Celeri" piled into chartered buses and cars on 20 April and were driven to a field in the neighborhood of Colina, where they engaged in close order drill and marching under the supervision of regular Army officers and sergeants in uniform.
2. The establishment of an intelligence service that would keep them informed of Communist plans and activities was suggested to the president of the group, Arturo Olavarria. The latter admitted that their present information was faulty, and that both Raul Marin (Liberal) and Sergio Fernandez (Conservative) were merely bluffing to make the Communists believe that they have considerable information on Communist activities and membership. Nevertheless, present funds were to be used solely for obtaining arms, and the current program was to concentrate on gaining members, training them, and providing armament, because in view of the development of the political situation in the country it was felt that an armed clash with the Communists will be unavoidable within a short time.
3. On 23 April a meeting of ACHA leaders took place attended by Arturo Olavarria, Raul Marin, Juan Rossetti, Oscar Schnake, and others. It was agreed that there is no way out of the existing political situation other than a coup d'etat. Rossetti and Schnake were for carrying it out at once, but Olavarria and Marin recommended waiting for two months, when the Communists are expected to stage a general strike. Public services would then be taken over by ACHA groups now being specially trained for the purpose, and a military junta, now also being sounded out, would take over the government.
4. At this meeting, despite the objections previously raised by Olavarria, funds were voted for an intelligence service, and Julio Donoso L. was named as its head.
5. On the morning of 27 April another ACHA group was taken in five trucks to Colina for military instruction. Other members of the organization armed with tommy-guns and revolvers, were on hand at the starting point to see that Communists did not try to prevent the trucks from leaving.
6. A patrol of ACHA went out to the Fundo "Avarca", owned by the Comunidad Izquierda, near Fuente Alto, on the morning of 27 April to investigate a report that Communist militia had been training on the grounds the day before. One resident admitted at gunpoint that such exercises had indeed taken place.

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